

LASSECOCK'S MONTHLY REMINDER

APRIL, 1927.

HOW TO GROW GLADIOLI.

Although Gladioli may be planted at any time of the year, Autumn and early Spring plantings are the more popular. Corms planted in autumn will give fine spikes. Flower-lovers should plant Gladioli freely, growing the cheaper sorts in masses of the one variety.

The corms may be planted in special beds or in clumps of a dozen or more corms in the mixed border. Any average soil can grow them, but the more perfect blooms will be obtained where some care is taken to provide a deep, rich, sandy loam. The digging should be undertaken to a depth of 18 inches. Stiff soils may be made suitable by the addition of sand, leaf mould, and well-decayed stable or cow manure.

Bone dust and well-rotted cow manure are the two best fertilizers to employ in the culture of the Gladiolus. The cow manure should be well worked into the lower soil, so that the roots may find their way to the nourishment. Bonedust, using about one ounce to the square yard, may be worked into the top soil. The manures should be so placed that the bulb does not touch them. In order to avoid direct contact with the manures the corms should be surrounded with a couple of handfuls of sand, or soil free from manure of any kind.

The corms should be planted to a depth of from four to six inches; the larger bulbs should be planted to a greater depth. Support must be given to each individual plant. This may be done when the plants are half-grown, by individual stakes to each, or by wires running along the rows of plants grown in a line, to which each should be tied.

With plants grown in clumps at close quarters, support to each is not necessary, although something should be done to keep the outside plants erect. Hide the supports as much as possible, and tie neatly.

Space the corms from each other by a distance of at least six inches. Keep the surface soil constantly stirred; apply a mulch of old manure about the plants as the weather warms; water the plants liberally. Liquid cow manure in a weak form, if given occasionally as the flower spikes are developing, will assist to finer flowers. Do not apply fowl manure or chemical fertilizers.

Lift the corms from the soil when foliage turns yellow after flowering; cut off the stems close down to the corm, remove the old withered corms, take off cormlets, and thoroughly dry both corms and cormlets in an airy shed before putting them away. The stored corms should be inspected periodically for signs of new growth. The appearance of such indicates that planting time for that particular variety has arrived. Cormlets also need the resting period before they are planted. Plant them closely together in boxes or beds.

Blooms that flower during extremely hot weather should be cut in the early mornings, when the first flower on the spike begins to unfold. If placed in water within doors every bud will open.



GARDEN CALENDAR. SEED SOWING—

FLOWER SEEDS.

Sow in Seed Beds or Boxes: Aquilegia, Anemone, Antirrhinum, Calendula (Marigold), Calliopsis, Canterbury Bells, Candytuft, Carnation, Centaurea, Chrysanthemum (annual), Clarkia, Cornflower, Daisy (Bellis Perennis Monstrosa), Delphinium, Dimorphotheca (African Daisy), Eschscholtzia (Californian Poppy), Forget-me-not, Gaillardia, Godetia, Gerbera, Gladiolus, Gypsophila, Hollyhock, Jacobea, Leptosyne, Lantana, Larkspur, Lobelia, Linaria, Lupins, Mimulus, Nemesis, Nemophila, Pansy, Poppy (Shirley and Iceland), Pyrethrum aureum ("Golden Feather") for edging, and Hybrid Grandiflora, Phlox, Polyanthus, Pentstemon, Primrose, Ranunculus, Stock, Scabious, Sweet William, Schizanthus, Violet, Viola, Verbena, Vinca, Wallflower (Early Paris).

Sow where the Plants are to Flower: Hunnemannia, Mignonette (Machet), Nasturtium (Dwarf, Tom Thumb), and Sweet Peas.

Bulbs: Plant Daffodils, Narcissus, Tulips, Hyacinths, Ixias, Freesias, Sparaxis, Babianas, Ranunculus, Anemone, Gladioli, Watsonias.

VEGETABLE SEEDS.

Sow Broad Beans, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Carrot, Cauliflower, Cress, Herbs, Leek, Lettuce, Mustard, Onion, Peas, Radish, Spinach, Turnip, Kohl Rabi.

PLANT OUT—

VEGETABLES:—Beet, Cabbages, Cauliflowers, Garlic, Lettuce, Shallots, Tree Onions.

MUSHROOMS:—Procure Mushroom Spawn (Lassecock's have a fresh supply), and plant in prepared beds made up in a shed or in the open.

SEEDLINGS:—Plant out Antirrhinums, Iceland Poppies, Pansies, Violas, Stocks, Verbena, Phlox, etc., for early flowering.

OTHER OPERATIONS.

ROSES.—Prepare ground for planting in April, May, and June. Roses can be planted with safety in autumn after the first rains.

DAHLIAS.—Stake the plants, give more water, disbud for larger blooms, give weekly dose of weak liquid manure, or apply dried blood, bone super, or fowl manure as a top-dressing, and water it in.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.—Stake the plants, disbud for large blooms, water freely, and give liquid manure.

SWEET PEAS.—Make a general sowing in prepared ground; plant one and a half to two inches deep; surround each seed with clean sand, if procurable, after first chipping or filing off a small portion of the hard skin. Give a good watering after sowing; apply a mulch to the surface, but do not rewater, if possible, until the plants are through. Provide small twigs for the support of the young plants.

SHRUBS, CLIMBERS, EVERGREEN TREES, AND HEDGE PLANTS.—Plant all varieties. The deciduous varieties (leaf-shedding) are usually planted in May, June, and July, but they may be planted earlier, even before the leaves have fallen.

LAWNS.—Regularly cut, water, and roll established lawns. Prepare plots for planting roots in spring. Early preparation enables one to get rid of the weeds before the grass is planted. Grass seed (the "Mail" three-grass lawn) may be sown during the autumn and winter in prepared soil.

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